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Charley Creek Gardens to present 'Lunch & Learn' series

The Charley Creek Gardens 2022 "Lunch & Learn" series will continue at 551 N. Miami St. with Resist Technique Painting on Wednesday, Oct. 19; and Poinsettia Cards on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Admission is free, with reservations required due to limited seating. Reservations may be made by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or calling 260-563-1102.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'B is for Bat' on Thursday, Oct. 20

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "B is for Bat" on Thursday, Oct. 20. How do these mammals fly and hunt at night? Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area (SRA), 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is requested. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

13-24 Drive In to host Halloween movie double features

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will host two "Spooky Nights" weekends of Halloween-themed

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ISDH announces first flu death of the season

State officials urge Hoosiers to get vaccinated

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Indiana health officials are encouraging Hoosiers to get vaccinated against influenza after confirming the first flu-related death of the

2022-23 flu season on Friday, Oct. 14.

"No additional information about the patient will be released due to privacy laws," stated the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH).

Last year's first flu death of the season in Indiana also was reported in October. Each year, hundreds of Hoosiers become sick from influenza, and some cases

prove fatal. In the 2021-22 flu season, 82 Hoosiers died after contracting influenza.

The shutdowns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic had a marked effect on flu deaths. In the 2020-21 flu season, seven Hoosiers died after contracting influenza. In 2019-20, 137 Hoosiers lost their lives to the disease.

"Every flu season is different, but we expect to see a return of respiratory illness-

es such as flu as more individuals relax the mitigation measures they took during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic," said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. "Getting an annual flu shot now, before activity picks up, is the best protection against what can be a serious illness for many Hoosiers."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC) recommends that everyone age 6 months and older get a flu vaccine each year. Because infants younger than 6 months can't be vaccinated, it's important that anyone in a household where a young baby lives or visits get a flu shot to protect the child. Healthcare workers are urged to get a flu vaccine to reduce their

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MSD schedules six 'Referendum Mini Meetings'



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

MSD Superintendent Mike Keaffaber has scheduled six meetings leading up to the November election they are calling "Referendum Mini Meetings."

Proposed new high school to be on November ballots

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

MSD Superintendent Mike Keaffaber has scheduled six meetings leading up to the November election they are calling "Referendum Mini Meetings," said director of communication and community engagement Laura Langebartels.

"These times will provide the opportunity for questions and to learn about the proposed project in a more conversational environment," said Langebartels.



Provided graphic

In August, MSD released new architectural renderings of the proposed new high school which will be on the Election Day ballot.

"We encourage all voters to thoroughly learn about the referendum project directly from the school district. A great deal of misinformation

is circulating throughout our community. It is imperative to the future of our schools that our voters be accurately informed.

These meetings will offer that opportunity."

All meetings will be held

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7 Lights kicks off the Halloween season

By **CARL GINGERICH**
Frankfort Times Editor

The 7 Lights of Trepidation haunted house fundraiser officially kicked off Friday evening, welcoming guests to experience elaborate decor, scares and laughs with friends and family.

7 Lights of Trepidation is located at 1501 Burlington Ave., Frankfort, and acts as a fundraiser to raise funds for the residents of the county home. All proceeds from the haunted house are donated to the county home residents to provide a Christmas dinner and extra gifts for the residents. The county home hosts 30 to 40



Photo by Jennifer Davis / artgirlsdavis@gmail.com

Actors prepare for opening night at 7 Lights.

residents at any given time, and the generous donations from the Clinton County

community and private donors help provide Christmas magic for the residents.

7 Lights organizer Jennifer Davis exclaimed that this year's haunted house is officially prepared to welcome visitors into the maze of scares, lights and action that is fun for the whole family.

"7 Lights of Trepidation is ready and excited for a new spooky year! The last couple of weeks, our volunteers have been finishing up their builds and putting the final decor touches on their individual themed spaces," said Davis. "I'm so proud of this group and the teamwork they have shown while building this year's haunted

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It is Homecoming Week 2022 at Manchester University

By **ANNE GREGORY**

We are so excited for you to join us this week for Homecoming 2022 and Manchester University.

Be sure to check the schedule below for both virtual and in-person events taking place.

Online registration is closed, but we'd love to see you on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Be sure to stop by the registration tent located near the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC) to sign up.

Homecoming Week

■ Homecoming Virtual 5K through 11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. Register by visiting

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Manchester University offers Fall Career Fair on Thursday

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University is gearing up for its Fall Career Fair.

It is Thursday, Oct. 20 in the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester, Indiana, campus.

Businesses and organizations with opportunities for full-time and part-time employment, internships and graduate school are invited to take part.

Registration and details at <https://bit.ly/MUFallCareerFair>.

Lunch and informal networking are 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and the fair is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sponsorships are also available.

Organizations interested in scheduling on-campus interviews or setting up information tables at other times are encouraged to contact Career Development@manchester.edu for assistance.

Manchester prioritizes hands-on opportunities and developing valuable skills and competencies. Year after year – within six months of graduation – about 95 percent enter the workforce, continue their education full-time or join full-time voluntary service. Learn more about Manchester at www.manchester.edu.

Anne Gregory is the communications and media relations director for Manchester University.



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Photo by Kristopher Radder / The Brattleboro Reformer
A man receives a flu shot in Brattleboro, Vermont, on Tuesday, Oct. 26. Doctors have a message for vaccine-weary Americans: Don't skip your flu shot this fall 2022. And for the first time, seniors are urged to get a special extra-strength kind.

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risk of transmitting illness to their patients.

“It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies, which protect against flu, to develop in the body, so the CDC recommends early vaccination. However, the flu vaccine can be administered at any time during the season, which typically runs from October through May. This year’s flu vaccine appears to be a good match for the most common sub-type circulating in Australia, and it can be administered at the same time as the new COVID-19 booster, which protects against two strains of COVID-19,” Box said.

Influenza (flu) is a viral infection of the respiratory tract. It is spread by respiratory droplets released when infected people cough or sneeze nearby or when people touch surfaces or objects contaminated with those infectious respiratory droplets. People also can become infected by touching surfaces or objects con-

taminated with flu viruses and then touching their eyes, mouth or nose.

Although anyone can get the flu, some people are at higher risk of flu-related complications, such as pneumonia, hospitalization, and death. Those most at risk for complications from flu include pregnant women, young children (especially those too young to get vaccinated), people with chronic illnesses, people who are immunocompromised, and the elderly. These individuals need to be vaccinated each year.

Common signs and symptoms of the flu include a fever of 100 Fahrenheit or greater, headache, fatigue, cough, muscle aches, sore throat, and runny or stuffy nose.

“People can help prevent the spread of flu by washing their hands frequently and thoroughly, avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth with their hands, and staying home when sick,” stated the ISDH.

Hoosiers should practice the “Three Cs” to help prevent the spread of flu and other infectious diseases:

■ Clean: Properly wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water.

■ Cover: Cover your cough and sneeze with your arm or a disposable tissue.

■ Contain: Stay home from school or work when you are sick to keep your germs from spreading.










To learn more about influenza or to view the IDOH weekly flu report, which is updated each Friday, visit <https://www.in.gov/health/erc/infectious-disease-epidemiology/diseases-and-conditions-resource-page/influenza-weekly-influenza-report/>.

The ISDH also has an influenza dashboard that is updated each Friday with the weekly flu report. The dashboard showcases Indiana’s flu surveillance activity weekly. Historical flu surveillance data, along with county- and regional-level data, are available, along with breakdowns by age group for the current week.

For more information, visit www.Health.in.gov.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

5-Day Weather Summary

				
Wednesday Mostly Sunny 51 / 30	Thursday Partly Cloudy 55 / 36	Friday Partly Cloudy 67 / 47	Saturday Mostly Sunny 73 / 50	Sunday Partly Cloudy 75 / 53
Sun and Moon Today's sunset 6:58 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 7:58 a.m.  New 10/25  First 11/1  Full 11/8  Last 11/16			Detailed Local Outlook Today we will see mostly sunny skies, high temperature of 51°, humidity of 44%. West wind 10 to 14 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 30°. Southwest wind 6 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 25°. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 55°, humidity of 29%.	

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double-feature showings at the 13-24 Drive In. Fridays will feature family-friendly movies, with Saturdays geared toward adults. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. with the movies starting at approximately 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per carload, and may be purchased at the gate or in advance at www.honeywellarts.org. The concession stand will be open before the movie and through the 15-minute intermission between showings, serving fan favorites including Swayzee tenderloins and funnel cake fries. Saturday evenings will also feature a bar. The schedule includes: “The Amityville Horror” (R); Friday, Oct. 21: “Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed” (PG) and “Dark Shadows” (PG-13); Saturday, Oct. 22: “Scream” (1996 – R) and “The Shining” (R).

First Financial Bank launches food drive in North Manchester

First Financial Bank will join the global call to action for World Food Day 2022 by launching a local food drive at its financial center at 106 N. Market St., North Manchester. Nonperishable food items may be dropped off at all First Financial locations in the region during normal business hours through Friday, Oct. 21. After the food drive concludes on Friday, Oct. 21, all food will be delivered to local organizations selected by associates at each financial center. All First Financial locations throughout its four-state footprint of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois will participate. An interactive list of financial centers is available at bankatfirst.com.

Fright Night Tour is set for Saturday, Oct. 22

Visit Wabash County has announced the release of a supernatural-themed tour. Tickets for the Fright Night Trolley Tour are now on sale, but ticket holders must be at least 18 years of age to attend. The tour will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. This all-inclusive tour costs \$40 per ticket. The Trolley will pick up and drop off downtown Wabash at the Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central In-

diana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

MU Monster Mash, Haunted Forest are Monday, Oct. 24

Manchester University Monster Mash trick-or-treat and Haunted Forest returns this year for local families. They are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24 at the North Manchester campus. The Monster Mash is at the Lockie and Augustus Chinworth Center on East Street, with trick-or-treating. The Haunted Forest is in the woods near Schwalm Hall. Those taking part should meet behind Cordier Auditorium, across the street from the Chinworth Center. Both are free and open to the public. Young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The spooky Haunted Forest might be too scary for some children. Families are encouraged to bring nonperishable items to donate to U Can Crush Hunger. The campaign by area Indiana colleges and universities helps Community Harvest Food Bank provide meals to thousands of northeast Indiana families, seniors and veterans during the holidays, and it supports food pantries on college campuses for students struggling with food insecurity. A donation is not required to take part.

Manchester University announces the fall Value, Ideas and the Arts series

Manchester University offers more than a dozen programs in its Value, Ideas the Arts (VIA) series for Fall 2022. Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. Oct. 24 is the second part of the Sustainable Development Goal Series. Oct. 31 is “Astrobiology, Theology and the Future of Faith” with Biblical scholar William Brown. Nov. 7 is “We Feel, Therefore We Learn” by Manchester faculty member Tim McKenna-Buchanan, who will share his journey of becoming a foster and adoptive parent and trauma-informed professor. The play, “We Own This Now,” is 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 in Cordier. Nov. 14, Kimberly Kelly, associate professor of sociology and director of

gender studies at Mississippi State University, will speak about “After Roe v. Wade: What Mississippi Means for America.” Nov. 28, Denise Kettering-Lane, associate professor of Brethren studies at Bethany Theological Seminary, will speak about the Church of the Brethren tradition at Manchester. Dec. 5 features a student forum on “Building a Campus Food Security and Biodiversity Action Plan,” where students in the Principles of Biology class will present a vision for improving food security and biodiversity on the North Manchester campus. Check <https://www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA> for additional programs or to see if a particular program will be live-streamed, which is usually finalized within a week of a program.

Restoration of the Eel River of Northern Indiana set for Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Honeywell House

Restoration of the Eel River of Northern Indiana: A Journey of Reconciliation with Nature has been set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St. Jerry Sweeten will examine the cultural and natural history of the Eel River of northern Wabash County within the context of ecological restoration and research of the system over the past 20 years. The Eel River is a hidden gem of Wabash County with a rich and robust natural history and a great place to kayak or canoe. Admission is free, however, reservations are required due to limited seating. Reservations may be made by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or by calling 260-563-1102.

The town of Roann sets Halloween hours

Halloween Hours in the town of Roann will be 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, according to clerk-treasurer Robert “M” Ferguson Jr.

Halloween at the House set for Monday, Oct. 31 at the Honeywell House

Halloween at the House has been set for Monday, Oct. 31 at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St. Bring your ghosts, goblins and little angels by the House on Halloween for a spook and a treat. The House will be open during the official trick-or-treating hours posted in the newspaper. Reservations may be made by visiting www.honeywellarts.org or by calling 260-563-1102.

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Obituaries

Shirley Lee Atkinson

Sept. 13, 1937 – Oct. 16, 2022

Shirley Lee Atkinson, 85, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:39 pm, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at Parkview Huntington Hospital. She was born on Sept. 13, 1937, in Wabash County, Indiana, to Philip and Emma (Stouffer) Roser.

Shirley was a 1955 graduate of Noble High School. She married Harold L. Atkinson at the Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash on June 24, 1956; he died Sept. 15, 2016. Shirley worked for Wabash Magnetics and Denney Motor Sales. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Cozy Homemakers Home-Ec club, and was a volunteer with F.I.S.H. Shirley enjoyed reading, working puzzles, was a huge Indianapolis Colts and Indiana Pacers fan, and also enjoyed watching all sports.

She is survived by two children, Kevin (Jeanne) Atkinson of Wabash, and Melinda (Curtis) Nickles of Lapel, Indiana, six grandchildren; Anna (Anthony) Vice of Columbia City, Indiana, Alison (Aaron) Keppel of Wabash, Christopher Nickles and John Thomas Nickles, both of Lapel, Laura (Cory) Rogers of Pendleton, Indiana, and Craig (Hope Lynch) Moorman of Gas City, Indiana, seven great-grandchildren, and sisters and brother, Betty McKillip, Peggy Riggs, Mary Alice (Fred) Reed, Marcella (Tom) Houlihan, and Car-



olyn (Don) Everest, all of Wabash, and Robert Roser of Lebanon, Missouri. She was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Vern, James, Philip H. “Dan”, and Don Roser, and six sisters, Martha Shaffer, Ardith Smith, Catherine Clupper, Lois Fleshhood, Phoebe Ridenour, and Helen Hoppes.

Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church, 173 Hale Drive, Wabash, with Pastor Jerry Gauthier officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Preferred memorials are Zion Lutheran Church or F.I.S.H..

The memorial guest book for Shirley may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Kari L. Harmon

Dec. 7, 1967 ~ Oct. 14, 2022

Kari L. Harmon, 54, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on October 14, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 21, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana

46992. Visitation for family and friends will be on October 20, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Amy J. Gillespie

July 2, 1965 ~ Oct. 16, 2022

Amy J. Gillespie, 57, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on October 16, 2022.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 20, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Visitation for family and friends will be on October 19, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home..

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Sue Harman

March 20, 1946 – Oct. 10, 2022

Sue Harman of Warsaw, age 76, passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 10, 2022 while on vacation on Hilton Head Island. Her kindness, service to others, and love for her family, friends, and community will be immeasurably missed by all who knew her.

Born Betty Sue Cooper, most knew her as Sue. She was born on March 20, 1946 to Gene and Jane (Keller) Cooper in Wabash, Indiana. She was a 1964 graduate of Southwood High School, where she was the valedictorian of her class, and a 1968 graduate of Manchester University. She later earned a Masters in Mathematics from Purdue University. She married Lee Harman, her college sweetheart, on August 14, 1966. They shared 56 happy years together.

Sue was well-known and well-loved as a math teacher to generations of students at Warsaw Community High School. She and Lee enjoyed hiking, biking, watching sports, and traveling. As an avid reader, she belonged to three different book clubs. Most of all she treasured spending time with her family and beloved grandchildren.

A longtime member of Trinity United Methodist Church and active community volunteer, she served in many leadership roles over the years. In recent years, Sue dedicated many hours to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Guided by her strong faith, Sue’s life and her service were her witness.

Sue is survived by her husband, Lee Harman; her sib-



lings, Ruth “Toby” (Galen) Clark of Marion and Tim (Patty) Cooper of Wabash; her children: Matt (Lucy Bisognano) Harman of Seattle, Beth Harman Willer of Dublin, Ohio, and Craig (Jean Lamont) Harman of Louisville, Kentucky; and five grandchildren: Owen, Alice, Sam, Rosa, and Russell.

Titus Funeral Home, 2000 East Sheridan Street, Warsaw is entrusted with Sue’s care. Friends may gather there on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022 from 3 to 7 p.m. On Saturday, Pastor Andrea Hughes will officiate Sue’s Funeral at Trinity United Methodist Church, 832 East Center Street, Warsaw; the service will begin at 11 a.m. with gathering for one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their sympathy may give to either of the following: Trinity United Methodist Church or Salvation Army Food Pantry. Written condolences may be left at www.TitusFuneralHome.com.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Sue Harman, please visit our flower store.

Shirley Glass

Dec. 16, 1935 – Oct. 14, 2022

Shirley Glass, 86, North Manchester, died Oct. 14, 2022. She was born Dec. 16, 1935, in Huntington to Walter Ray and Clara Irene (Sorgen) Brubaker.

Shirley is survived by her husband, DeWayne Glass; son, William E. “Bill” (Linda) Glass; daughters, Eva Glass and Debra (Tim) Bochard; sister, Mary Ellen (Doug) Davis;

grandchildren, Scott Glass, Kyle (Britta) Glass, Bryce Bochard, and Natasha Bochard; and great-grandchildren, Ella and Miller Glass.

A celebration of Shirley’s life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with calling beginning at 12:00 noon at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester.

Soaring U.S. dollar spreads pain worldwide

By **PAUL WISEMAN, KELVIN CHAN, SAMY MAGDY and AYSE WIETING**
Associated Press

The cost of living in Cairo has soared so much that security guard Mustafa Gamal had to send his wife and year-old daughter to live with his parents in a village 70 miles south of the Egyptian capital to save money.

Gamal, 28, stayed behind, working two jobs, sharing an apartment with other young people and eliminating meat from his diet. “The prices of everything have been doubled,” he said. “There was no alternative.”

Around the world, people are sharing Gamal’s pain and frustration. An auto parts dealer in Nairobi, a seller of baby clothes in Istanbul and a wine importer in Manchester, England, have the same complaint: A surging U.S. dollar makes their local currencies weaker, contributing to skyrocketing prices for everyday goods and services. This is compounding financial distress at a time when families are already facing

food and energy crunches tied to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

“A strong dollar makes a bad situation worse in the rest of the world,” says Es-war Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University. Many economists worry that the sharp rise of the dollar is increasing the likelihood of a global recession sometime next year.

The dollar is up 18 percent this year and last month hit a 20-year high, according to the benchmark ICE U.S. Dollar Index, which measures the dollar against a basket of key currencies.

The reasons for the dollar’s rise are no mystery. To combat soaring U.S. inflation, the Federal Reserve has raised its benchmark short-term interest rate five times this year and is signaling more hikes are likely. That has led to higher rates on a wide range of U.S. government and corporate bonds, luring investors and driving up the U.S. currency.

Most other currencies are much weaker by comparison, especially in poor countries. The Indian rupee has dropped nearly 10 per-

cent this year against the dollar, the Egyptian pound 20 percent, the Turkish lira an astounding 28 percent.

Celal Kaleli, 60, sells infant clothing and diaper bags in Istanbul. Because he needs more lira to buy imported zippers and liners priced in dollars, he has to raise prices for the Turkish customers who struggle to pay him in the much-diminished local currency.

“We’re waiting for the new year,” he said. “We’ll look into our finances, and we’ll downsize accordingly. There’s nothing else we can do.”

Rich countries aren’t immune. In Europe, which was already teetering toward recession amid soaring energy prices, one euro is worth less than a \$1 for the first time in 20 years, and the British pound has plunged 18% from a year ago. The pound recently flirted with dollar parity after Britain’s new prime minister, Liz Truss, announced huge tax cuts that roiled financial markets and led to the ouster of her Treasury secretary.

Ordinarily, countries could get some benefit from

falling currencies because it makes their products cheaper and more competitive overseas. But at the moment, any gain from higher exports is muted because economic growth is sputtering almost everywhere.

A rising dollar is causing pain overseas in a number of ways:

■ It makes other countries’ imports more expensive, adding to existing inflationary pressures.

■ It squeezes companies, consumers and governments that borrowed in dollars. That’s because more local currency is needed to convert into dollars when making loan payments.

■ It forces central banks in other countries to raise interest rates to try and prop up their currencies and keep money from fleeing their borders. But those higher rates also weaken economic growth and drive up unemployment.

Put simply: “The dollar’s appreciation is bad news for the global economy,” says Capital Economics’ Ariane Curtis. “It is another reason why we expect the global economy to fall into recession next year.”

First Financial Bank locations, including North Manchester, hosting a document shred event

STAFF REPORT

Several North Central Indiana First Financial Bank financial centers are now featuring a free shred event through Saturday, Oct. 22, according to a press release.

“Residents are invited to bring personal paperwork they would like shredded securely and confidentially,” stated the release.

Papers that might be destroyed include medical records, canceled checks, bank and financial statements, documents with social security numbers or credit card information, legal papers and more.

Participating First Financial locations include 101 West Washington St., Hartford City; 600 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle; 106 N. Market St., North Manchester; 112 N. Meridian St., Portland; 102 W. Main St., Hagerstown; 3433 E. Main St., Richmond; 101 E. Elm St., Union City, Ohio.

“Stop by any of the First Financial locations listed above during normal business hours to drop off the documents you would like securely and confidentially destroyed,” stated the release.

For more information, visit www.bankatfirst.com.

Beacon Credit Union 2023 Scholarship Program now accepting applications

STAFF REPORT

Beacon Credit Union has announced that they will start accepting applications for their 2023 Scholarship Program, according to community relations specialist Kelly Stuber.

There will be eight \$1,000 scholarships awarded to Beacon Credit Union members that will be entering their freshman year at a college, university or technical school in fall 2023.

“Beacon Credit Union is proud to do our part to support young members of our communities to accomplish higher education and reach their dreams,” said Beacon Credit Union president and CEO Kevin Willour. “Our annual scholarship program is an essential part of our commitment to giving

back to the communities we serve.”

Stuber said the scholarship program is targeted to financially assist students in furthering their education with an accredited college, university or technical school. Students must meet specific requirements and submit a short essay. Applicants must also be a member of Beacon Credit Union by the date of submission.

To learn how to apply, visit beaconcu.org or a Beacon Credit Union Member Center. All submissions must be received or postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2023. They may be mailed to Beacon Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 627, Wabash, IN 46992 or emailed to marketing@beaconcu.org.

11 more crash deaths are linked to automated-tech vehicles

By TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Eleven additional people were killed in U.S. crashes involving vehicles that were using automated driving systems during a four-month period earlier this year, according to newly released government data, part of an alarming pattern of incidents linked to the technology.

Ten of the deaths involved vehicles made by Tesla, though it is unclear from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s data whether the technology itself was at fault or whether driver error might have been responsible. The 11th death involved a Ford pickup truck.

The deaths included four crashes involving motorcycles that occurred during the spring and summer: Two in Florida and one each in California and Utah. Safety advocates note that the deaths of motorcyclists in crashes involving Tesla vehicles using automated driver-assist systems such as Autopilot have been increasing.

The new fatal crashes are documented in a database that NHTSA is building in an effort to broadly assess the safety of automated driving systems, which, led by Tesla, have been growing in use. Tesla alone has more than 830,000 vehicles on U.S. roads with the systems. The agency is requiring auto and tech companies to report all crashes involving self-driv-

ing vehicles as well as autos with driver assist systems that can take over some driving tasks from people.

The 11 new fatal crashes, reported from mid-May through September, were included in statistics that the agency released Monday. In June, the agency released data it had collected from July of last year through May 15.

The figures that were released in June showed that six people died in crashes involving the automated systems, and five were seriously hurt. Of the deaths, five occurred in Teslas and one a Ford. In each case, the database says that advanced driver assist systems were in use at the time of the crash.

Michael Brooks, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety, said he is baffled by NHTSA’s continued investigations and by what he called a general lack of action since problems with Autopilot began surfacing back in 2016.

“I think there’s a pretty clear pattern of bad behavior on the part of Tesla when it comes to obeying the edicts of the (federal) safety act, and NHTSA is just sitting there,” he said. “How many more deaths do we need to see of motorcyclists?”

Brooks noted that the Tesla crashes are victimizing more people who are not in the Tesla vehicles.

“You’re seeing innocent people who had no choice in the matter being killed or injured,” he said.

Ind. judge convicts man in Black man’s 2020 killing

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A man has been convicted of reckless homicide in the fatal 2020 shooting of a young Black man in Indianapolis during unrest sparked by outrage over George Floyd’s killing by Minneapolis police.

Prosecutors had charged Tyler Newby, 32, with murder, but after a one-day bench trial a Marion County judge found Newby, who is white, guilty

Monday of the lesser crime of reckless homicide in Dorian Murrell’s death. His sentencing was set for Nov. 10.

Murrell, 18, died from a single gunshot wound to the heart after being shot in downtown Indianapolis on May 31, 2020, during violence that followed protests over the death of Floyd, a Black man.

Newby’s first trial in Murrell’s killing ended in a mistri-

al last year after jurors failed to reach a unanimous verdict following several hours of deliberation.

Newby turned himself in shortly after the shooting. He claimed self defense, saying the shooting took place after he was approached by a group of people and shoved to the ground. Newby said he saw someone standing over him and fired.

Prosecutors argued that

being shoved to the ground wasn’t justification to take someone’s life.

Three people who had been with Murrell when he was shot have been charged in connection with the robbery and killing of Chris Beaty, a businessman and a former Indiana University football player. Beaty, 38, was fatally shot in downtown Indianapolis hours before Murrell was slain.

7 LIGHTS

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house.”

Davis commented that the 7 Lights team prides itself in adding twists and turns for guests to entertain, confuse and scare them at least once as they travel through the haunted house. This year, an early visitor inspected the haunted house and described the scenery as a “demented fun house” according to Davis.

“The 7 Lights Haunt is special in the fact that it is built from the ground up each year. Each space and the floor plan changes every year to keep the haunt unique. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own flair to their decorated spaces, which keeps the perspectives different every year,” said Davis. “When visiting the 7 Lights Haunt, you might see a few of the same props but used by a different person and in a completely different way than in previous years.”

Davis commented that veteran volunteer Brad Sanders echoed her statements by expressing that the team at 7 Lights has stepped up to build upon the successes that the haunted house has experienced in previous years.

“More people have stepped up this year and just when we ask ourselves how are we going to top last year we are able to raise the bar,” said Sanders in a quote given by Davis.

7 Lights encourages people of all ages to attend and to volunteer. Davis expressed that some of the volunteers at 7 Lights are kids that accept the opportunity to help with an event that supports the community in a positive way for the first time. The volunteer staff is accompanied by Davis’ daughter and some of the children of other volunteers that accept the challenge to participate in Halloween beyond trick-or-treating.

“Why a haunted house? Well, why not? After helping take over this project three years ago and fully running this project now, I believe we have found a way for the community to have a large, unique event every year,” said Davis. “Halloween is the perfect time of year to bring all ages together in a creative and expressive way.”

Every year, planning begins months ahead of the launch date by finding sponsors, acquiring insurance, permits, restroom accommodations and budgeting for spending costs. Once approved, the veteran team sets off to find people who love Halloween and pranks to join the team. The team then begins to attend monthly or semi-monthly meetings where members outline a plan for room assignments and themes before jumping into the building process. The team is then tasked with finding materials beyond what is already located at the haunted house, such as scrap wood, foam board, barrels, nails and much more. Some of the materials are donated by local businesses and volunteers.

Once building season rolls around, volunteers help move necessary materials from the storage area into the basement of the county home. This year, Clinton County Sheriff’s department inmates and two Deputies helped move the materials across the property, which Davis commented saved the team hours of time and energy.

“Typically, we have a month or less to build the basement. Floor plans go into place and the walls go up,” said Davis. “This process is done by people of all experience levels. We do try and teach people how to do it so that it becomes a hands-on experience for our new volunteers. People of all skill levels are welcomed. If a volunteer doesn’t know how to use a tool, we will teach them how to safely do it and help them during the build.”

Davis expressed that building the walls inside the rooms is one of the most important and time-consuming aspects of the haunted house build. The walls take a week or two to properly secure, and each wall must be

fire-resistant and pass a safety code check via homeland security.

“When walls are in place, the booby trap building and prop decorating begins. We generally have folks coming to the property at all hours of the day and evening around work and school schedules to get their spaces done,” said Davis. “After everything is decorated, I go through and make sure things are to safety code standard to the best of my knowledge, and we fix anything that needs to be fixed.”

Davis stated that the inspection process occurs approximately two weeks before the doors open and fire retardant is sprayed on every item to ensure the safety of the visitors and the crew. Once the safety checks are passed, 7 Lights is issued a permit from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security that officially green-lights the haunted house.

The haunted house was initially hosted by Frankfort Jaycees and has altered its location, set-up and leadership throughout the years. Davis commented that the haunted house was organized at the county home when she first became involved six years ago, and she recently accepted the role of leading the team throughout the process. Davis described her leadership style as a team player who acts as one cog in the overall machine that helps piece the haunt together every year. Davis commented that the haunted house crew becomes close-knit, almost like a family, and communicates in the private group chat beyond the walls of 7 Lights during the year.

“I honestly don’t feel like a leader. I feel like I’m just the part of the team that makes sure we are on track with getting things done that have to be done. Every year, we are faced with different challenges and there are days I feel I’m putting out fires most of the day, but I still get to go to the haunt and be the immature prankster like everyone else,” said Davis. “I look at this veteran team like a small family of sorts. We have a goal. We all have very unique personalities. I’m just one piece of the puzzle that makes things happen.”

Davis expressed that the haunted house acts as a means for the volunteer team to exercise its creativity and engage with Halloween for a cause. Davis commented that she holds aspirations for the haunted house’s future as an expanded event with even more resources in the future. “For those who build rooms and decorate spaces, it is a creative outlet and a challenge to put together something that is unique and scary or funny and spooky,” said Davis. “I personally would love to see this event grow into a city event that grows each year and still finds a way to benefit the people who we have been helping from the start.”

Davis encouraged visitors to attend the haunted house and provide the team with feedback regarding what they adored and what could be improved in the future. However, Davis joked that some of the feedback may be twisted to create an even more unique and scary



Photos by Jennifer Davis / artgirdavis@gmail.com

Actors of all ages participate in the scares and fun.

haunted house, such as making a corridor tighter or a costume scarier.

“Visitors new and old—we want you to come and let us know how we’re doing. We love community feedback. Did you have fun? Did you freak out? Did you pee your pants? yes, it happens,” said Davis. “We don’t let this haunt get stale, and we pat ourselves on the back for having visitors from four surrounding haunts.”

Davis commented that any help is appreciated and encouraged from the 7 Lights team, and more information may be found under the Frankfort Indiana 7 Lights of Trepidation Haunted House Facebook page or under the 7 Lights of Trepidation Facebook group. For more information, community members are encouraged to call Jennifer Davis at 317-675-6075 or email at artgirdavis@gmail.com. 7 Lights extended a statement of gratitude to Center Township, Wampler’s, Sheriff’s Department, private donors and families and the volunteer staff for their support.

7 Lights of Trepidations debuted on Oct. 14 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the county home at 1501 Burlington Ave. in Frankfort. The haunted house will continue to welcome visitors on Oct. 15, Oct. 21, Oct. 22, Oct. 28 and Oct. 29 during the same timeframe. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children eight and under.

7 Lights prides itself on its scares, but flashlight-guided tours are available for those that prefer to explore the intricacies of the rooms rather than increase their heart rate. The guided tours ensure that actors will not scare the visitors, and visitors will sometimes receive a goody such as a trick-or-treat bag.

“When the doors open, the fun begins, hard work pays off, lights go on and the show goes forward,” said Davis. “The haunted house is quite literally a creative theatrical production for those down in the basement, and we enjoy



Some costumes are “knock your socks off” scary while others take a more comedic approach.

every last scare and laugh.”
Carl Gingerich, Frankfort Times editor, may be reached by email at cgingerich@ftimes.com.



Some actors may blend in with the props, so visitors can never be too sure they will not experience a jump scare.

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IN BRIEF

Samuel Rowland, of Wabash, named to SNHU Dean’s List

Samuel Rowland, of Wabash, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s (SNHU) Summer 2022 Dean’s List, according to a press release. The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring

and summer.

Mt. Olive United Methodist Church to hold a bazaar and bake sale

A bazaar and bake sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, 2015 N. 300 West, at the intersection of Chapel Pike and 300 West, Marion, according to Beverly Howard. “There will be crafts, pies, cakes, cookies, candy, jellies, soups, snacks, and treasures. All proceeds benefit local missions,” said Howard.

‘Winter Doesn’t have to Succ’ Workshop set for Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Salamonie Lake

STAFF REPORT

Brighten your home or a friend’s with a succulent plant this winter. The “Winter Doesn’t Have to Succ Workshop” will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Salamonie Lake’s Interpretive and Nature Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to interpretive naturalist Teresa Rody. “Workshop participants will design a miniature container garden to bring nature inside as frosty weather arrives,” said Rody. The cost is \$25 per person

payable day of the event, with a \$5 discount for multiple people. All materials will be provided. Advanced registration is required by calling 260-468-2127. Limited space is available. The suggested age is 7 and above, and for those under 18 with accompanying adults. This Nature Art Designs activity and others are made possible with support from the Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services (UWIS). For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake>.



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Tickets for the Boos & Brews Trolley Tour are now on sale online and in person, but ticket holders must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

Visit Wabash County announces Boos & Brews event

Trolley No. 85 tour set for Friday, Oct. 21

STAFF REPORT

Visit Wabash County officials have announced a new spin on a past tour, said content manager Biz Bishop. Tickets for the Boos & Brews Trolley Tour are now on sale online and in person, but ticket holders must be at least 21 years of age to attend. The Boos & Brews Trolley Tour will take place on Friday, Oct. 21. Ticket buyers will have an option between two timeslots, 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. and the cost per ticket is \$37. The Trolley will pick up and drop off downtown at the Welcome Center. Wear your best costume there will be prizes awarded for the scariest, most original and funniest costume. “Halloween is such a fun time of year to dress up and Trolley around with

friends,” said visitor experiences manager Stephanie Rogers. “I cannot wait to celebrate the spooky season in such a fun and unique way.” Trolley No. 85 tour programs are supported by the City of Wabash, J.M. Reynolds Oil Company, and other local partners. “Kick off this bar crawl-style evening by hopping on the trolley and heading to the first stop for a spooky-themed beverage and some refreshments. The next stop will test your Halloween knowledge with trivia while sipping on spooky drinks and sliders. Then return to the Trolley for a ride to the next stop on the tour for more themed drinks and some more refreshments,” said Bishop. “Wabash County has a bunch of really cool bars and restaurants and the ability to use Trolley No. 85 to showcase them is such a treat. Trolley No. 85 is such a great asset to both Wabash County and visitors.” For more information visit VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours.



Provided graphics

The facility would be located near Highway 24, just north of Heartland Career Center on Division Road between 150 West and 200 West.

MSD

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at the MSD Central Office at 204 N. 300 West, on the following days and times: at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24; 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25; 6:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2; 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4; and 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7. Langebartels said “additionally, we encourage voters to engage with the information provided” by visiting msdwc.org/referendum. “Now included on the site is a recording of an in-person informational meeting, which will provide a great deal of information to viewers,” said Langebartels. “Please feel free to share this information as you would like, and let me know if you have any questions.” In August, MSD released new architectural renderings of the proposed new high school which will be on the Election Day ballot. On Wednesday, Aug. 24, Langebartels said the facility would be located near Highway 24, just north of Heartland Career Center on Division Road between 150 West and 200 West.

“Students in grades nine through 12 who currently attend Northfield and Southwood high schools would have the privilege of attending the new school,” said Langebartels. Langebartels said the building project is dependent on the passing of a referendum in November. “The school district has worked with Fort Wayne-based architecture firm Barton Coe Vilamaa to create an initial look at the new building,” said Langebartels. “The design features two stories with a pitched roof and lots of natural light in the large open areas. Collaborative learning spaces are featured throughout. State-of-the-art athletic facilities and auditorium would offer the best in extracurricular spaces. The latest in school security designs would also provide enhanced safety for students and staff.” Langebartels said the renderings are “a starting point for what the building could look like.” “If the referendum is passed in November, a more extensive planning process would occur,” said Langebartels. “Discussions would involve crafting the aesthetic of the building to match community values, along with the number of students in each space, the equipment and space they need for their tasks, and the relationship of each space to another. This would drive the development of a design that is more informed and therefore more functional



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Registered voters of the MSD school district will have the opportunity to vote on a capital project referendum.

and efficient.” On Nov. 8, registered voters of the MSD school district will have the opportunity to vote on a capital project referendum. The project proposes the building of a new high school and re-purposing of the current junior and senior high schools, according to MSD. The new high school would combine students in grades nine through 12 currently at Northfield and Southwood. The current Northfield and Southwood Jr/Sr High buildings would transition into buildings for preschool through eighth grade. “Our district leaders aim to provide transparent information for our community,” stated MSD. “Better deci-

sions are made with a fuller understanding.” According to MSD, their “strong assessed valuation allows us to operate with a relatively low tax rate.” The proposed tax rate increase of \$1.34 in 2024 “will still be lower, if not comparable to other districts in our area.” “As we prepared to request your support in this project, decisions were carefully made to only ask for the amount needed in supporting our students, teachers, staff and our community’s schools,” stated MSD. “Did you know that Indiana public schools receive no funds from the state towards building maintenance, improvements, or new construction? It is up to the local taxpayers to

provide our community’s students with learning environments, which are essential to their development. Since 2010, state funding to our schools has been reduced by \$6,850,170. We have worked hard to reduce costs and do more with less. These cost-saving initiatives have included condensed bus routes, right-sized staffing, applying for multiple grants, and maintenance updates for efficiency such as LED lighting, HVAC systems and reducing wastewater treatment.” For more information, call 260-563-8050 or visit msdwc.org/referendum or msdwc.org/connect. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplain-dealer.com.

HOMEcoming

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<https://tinyurl.com/zp6ncac>. **Wednesday, Oct. 19** ■ Campus Store Flash Sale from 6:30 – 7 p.m. via Facebook. **Saturday, Oct. 22** ■ From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Registration. ■ From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Memorial Reflections. ■ From 9 to 10:30 a.m.: Alumni Honor Awards Banquet. ■ From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

Campus Store Hours. ■ From 10 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.: Campus Tours. ■ From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Pharmacy Health Fair and College Connections Tent. ■ From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Spartan Street Fair, cash only. ■ From 10:30 to 2 p.m.: Kids Zone. ■ From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Food Trucks. ■ From 11 to 11:30 a.m.: Chime Tower Dedication. ■ From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Friends with the Weather. ■ 11:30 a.m.: Class Photos. ■ From Noon to 2 p.m.:

Class Reunion Luncheons. ■ 1 p.m.: Women’s Soccer vs. Earlham. ■ 1 p.m.: Kids Run Out with the Football Team. ■ 1:30 p.m.: Football game against Bluffton. ■ From 2 to 3 p.m.: Peace Studies Plaque Dedication. ■ From 2 to 2:30 p.m.: Current Student Panel. ■ From 3 to 3:30 p.m.: Walking Tour of Sustainability Projects on Campus. ■ From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.: Environmental Studies 50th Anniversary. ■ 3:30 p.m.: Men’s soccer vs. Earlham. ■ From 4 to 5:30 p.m.:

Alumni of Color Reunion. ■ From 5 to 7 p.m.: Class of 1972 50th Anniversary Dinner. ■ 7 p.m.: Volleyball vs. Transylvania. Also, don’t forget the Spartan Street Fair and some food trucks are cash only. And you can bring canned items for our UCanCrushHunger collection bin near the Spartan Street Fair. For more information, visit <https://www.manchester.edu/alumni/events/homecoming/homecoming/events-2022>. Anne Gregory is the communications and media relations director for Manchester University.



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Matthew Prine
President
Indiana-American Water Company, Inc.
October 13, 2022

0900

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS

Taxpayers of the School Corporation are hereby notified that Manchester Community Schools (the "School Corporation") has determined to issue general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in accordance with Indiana Code 20-48-1-1, as amended, in the principal amount of not more than \$2,670,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the renovation of and improvements to the school buildings of the School Corporation including but not limited to classrooms, HVAC, parking, transportation, security, athletic facilities, art facilities, roofs, lighting, fire protection, technology, furniture and equipment, and land acquisition, and the payment of the necessary expenses to be incurred in connection therewith and in furtherance thereof, and for the costs of issuance of said Bonds. This notice of determination is provided by the School Corporation pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-5.

EXECUTED this 12th day of October, 2022

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
By: Raju Shah, Secretary

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE WABASH SUPERIOR COURT

COUNTY OF WABASH CAUSE NUMBER: 85D01-2111-MF-000798

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

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Defendants.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

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John 5:24

House Democrats should adopt leadership term limits

Rep. Adam Schiff recently said the quiet part out loud: For Democrats in the House of Representatives, entrenchment has become a problem.

"We need to do more to rapidly elevate people to positions of leadership," Schiff told Punchbowl News at an event at the Texas Tribune Festival in Austin, endorsing the controversial idea that the party should limit the terms of committee chairs to make sure there are regular infusions of fresh blood in the top ranks of the party.

The California Democrat, who himself chairs the powerful House Intelligence Committee, publicly backed an idea slowly gaining steam among the Democratic rank and file.

Schiff, for his part, has his own reasons for wanting more turnover at the top positions within the caucus – something that the Republican House caucus has in place but that has met resistance among Democratic leaders. He is mulling a run for a top leadership position himself, Politico reports.

But despite his skin in the game, his idea is a good one: Limiting both the number of terms that House members of either party can serve at the helm and in the second-highest post of committees, as well as the number of terms the top leaders in each caucus serve, is a good idea.

Adam Schiff is jockeying to lead House Democrats. It won't be easy.

And it's one that is gaining enough momentum that, in the event Democrats lose their majority in the House in November, is likely to threaten Pelosi's and other leaders' posts. A CNN report, citing interviews with dozens of members, suggests that a loss of House control would place enormous internal pressure on Pelosi and other leaders to step down.

But Democrats should formally adopt a leadership term limit rule, regardless of the outcome of the midterm elections.

One should look no farther than at the current state of the Democratic caucus to understand why its leadership is so often at odds with several of the active and increasingly vocal blocs within its ranks: Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as well as those in the second and third top leadership posts – Majority Leader Representative Steny Hoyer of Maryland and Majority Whip Representative James Clyburn of South Carolina – are age 82 or older. None has ruled out another leadership run – despite Pelosi's promise in 2018 to step down from the top spot no later than the end of this year.

That promise came after a bold move in 2018 by a group of Democrats, led by Representative Ed Perlmutter of Colorado and joined by more than a dozen others including Bay State Representative Seth Moulton, calling for Pelosi to step down to make way for new leadership.

As expected, Pelosi ultimately squashed that rebellion to keep her seat. But the group did score a minor victory – a pledge from Pelosi that she and other leaders would cap their terms at no more than four more years. The rule did not have the votes at the time to be formally adopted, but the public assurance seemed, at the time, to be enough.

Clearly it wasn't. Neither Pelosi, Hoyer, nor Clyburn have expressed any interest in stepping down. Quite the opposite.

Pelosi has remained coy when asked about her future

plans, saying only that she is focused on midterm elections. Meanwhile, not only have Hoyer and Clyburn not aired plans to step down from their posts, both are interested in replacing Pelosi if she does, according to the CNN report.

This is despite a deep bench of well-known, ambitious, and diverse members eagerly awaiting a shot to ascend, which include those already in lower ranking leadership positions like Democratic Caucus Chair Hakeem Jeffries of New York and Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark of Massachusetts. Others seeking to elevate include Schiff, Representative Pete Aguilar of California and Representative Pramila Jayapal of Washington.

One need not have a view on how any of these particular candidates would fare in leadership positions to understand that a process that allows fresh new ideas and perspectives that better align with the constituencies across a broader swath of the nation is a better one – particularly for a party that often is stymied by its own conflicts between leaders who have been in their positions for decades and those who come up the ranks behind them.

Democrats may have the decision made for them should they lose House control. Republicans have floated the idea of imposing their committee chair term limits on Democrats as well, should that party gain control of the House after the midterms.

But Democrats should beat them to the punch and pass a rule limiting themselves. Good ideas, regardless of the motivation, are still good ideas.

This editorial was first published in the Boston Globe.

LETTERS

Mr. Trump is a bull entering the china shop again

At his 9/3 MAGA Rally in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, former President Trump said, in an ominous tip of his hat to the future of our country, "We will never ever back down." In other words, Trump's movement will never give in to the results of audits, or recounts, or court decisions that come down against him after elections. Belligerence and force and "perfect" phone calls will be his movement's mantra forever more.

Unfortunately, there is no matador available in this country, because we as Christians believe in being humane even to raging bulls. Maybe the law with its crime and riot act provisions could be our matador.

Kimball Shinkoskey
Woods Cross, Utah

Families are fighting for paid time to care

By CAROL JOYNER

When I was just turning 40, with two young children and a full-time job, my mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. I had never seen her sick a day in my life. She was my rock and the center of our large, rowdy and loving family. I had no idea what the future would hold for her, or us. But I learned quickly about the human cost of policies that do not protect and support workers when it became clear I had to step up as the primary caregiver. My four siblings did not have reliable paid leave benefits. Doctor visits, stage transitions, a multitude of crises – all of it required my attention. My siblings supported me as much as they could, but nothing takes the place of having time dedicated to caregiving.

The thing about Alzheimer's and other terminal diseases is that you're not likely to take off for the entire period of the illness – my mom was sick for 11 years – but these are also chronic conditions requiring intermittent periods of leave. Devastating crises like involuntary hospitalizations, injuries due to falls, and the periodic shift in levels of care all require full attention from caregivers. My mother's anxiety level was calmed by familiar faces, family memories and constant reassurance that she was safe and loved. And then there's the intense coordination with various paid caregivers – indispensable to her health and well-being – and ours.

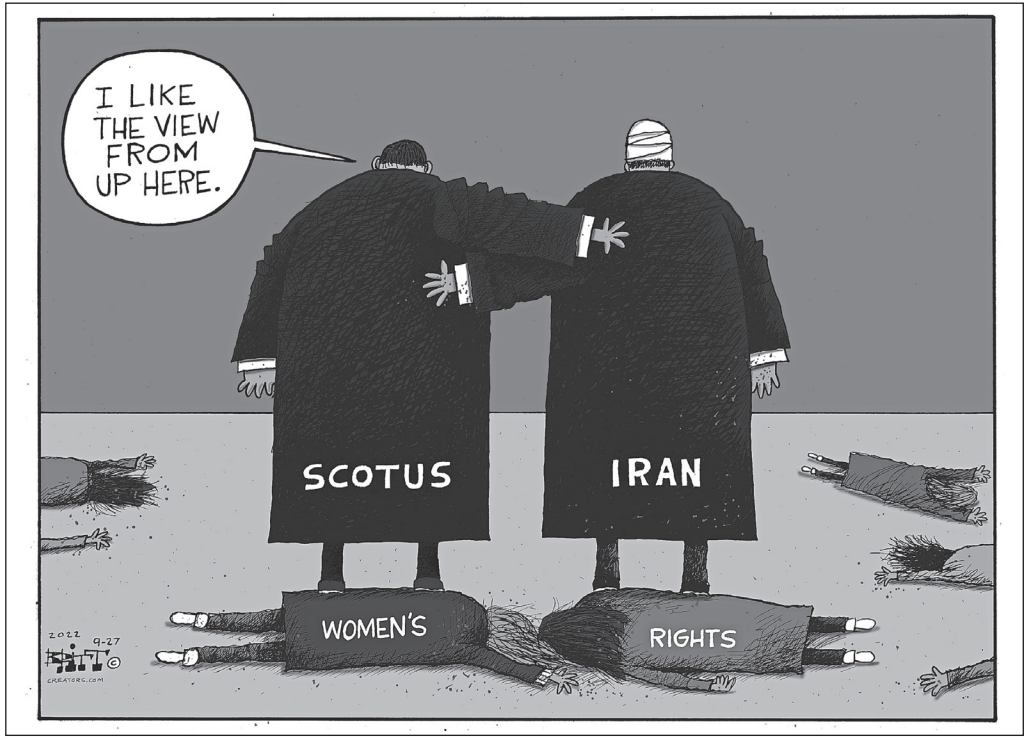
Six years into my mother's illness, my dad was diagnosed with cancer and required a year of intense chemotherapy, radiation and recovery. By then they had moved closer to me and my husband and I managed their care in two different facilities. I often felt I would break in half! Imagine if you don't have a big family, a partner and friends to help out. Imagine if you don't have paid leave.

Tragically, too many can imagine the worst. Every day I was reminded that my situation is not typical. It's reprehensible that people still have to make the impossible choice between caring for their loved ones and putting food on the table. These are the consequences when our nation lacks the right to fundamental paid family and medical leave for all. COVID has exacerbated a horrible reality. We cannot "build back better" without investing in care.

Right now in the U.S., paid leave and quality childcare are not accessible to most workers and families. Only 21 percent of workers have access to paid family leave through their employers. Only 40 percent have access to employer-provided medical leave. Childcare funding only reaches one in seven eligible children.

To make real change, members of Congress must make real investments in our communities. If we don't get it right this time, we will not fully recover and make the proper reset that our country needs. The amount allocated in budget reconciliation needs to be sufficient to ensure that:

- No family spends more than 7 percent of their income on childcare and many families can access care at no cost.
- Childcare providers are paid a living wage.
- Comprehensive paid family and medical leave that includes 12 weeks of affordable leave is readily available and covers the main reasons for care.
- The paid leave program that gets enacted has a progressive wage replacement so workers earning lower wages can take the leave and still pay their bills. It must recognize and value all families and it must have a right to return to your job (otherwise it's not really paid leave).



Your voting rights depend on your state legislatures

By JACOB WINCH

The 2020 election set a lot of records, including for Gen Z participation. Nearly 160 million Americans, almost two-thirds of the estimated eligible voter age population, cast their ballots for their candidate of choice – an increase of more than 5 percent from 2016's election.

Any improvement in voting participation is a positive change, but what is particularly remarkable about the 2020 election turnout is how many more young people came out, in various ways, to make their voices heard. More than 25 million 18- to 29-year-olds appear to have voted. That is a record 52 percent to 55 percent of eligible young voters, showing an increase of about 10 percent from the estimated 42 percent to 44 percent who voted in 2016.

Traditionally, older

Americans vote at higher rates than younger Americans; in 2016, for example, more than 70 percent of citizens 65 years and older voted. Likewise, it is seen as traditional that young people vote the least out of any age block. But there is another tradition in American electoral politics that deserves deeper recognition – the consistent attempts to suppress, disenfranchise, and otherwise reduce the voting rates of particular subsets of U.S. citizens.

Following this tradition, several state legislatures around the country have begun pushing bills to actively limit voter participation in the aftermath of the 2020 election. These restrictive bills are primarily focused on limiting access to mail-in voting, imposing stricter voter ID requirements, limiting successful pro-voter registration policies, and enabling more aggressive

voter poll purges. All of these proposed changes are designed to deter young people and minorities from voting (though they will in effect burden every voter), and they are inextricably tied to the many unfounded and outright dangerous allegations of fraud that aimed to overthrow the will of the voters this past winter – the same anti-democratic conspiracy theories that led to the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The Elections Clause (Article I, Section 4) of the Constitution provides the State Legislatures this power – specifically to prescribe the "Times, Places, and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives" – but the nature of our democratic republic also provides us, the citizens, with the power to elect those state-level representatives.

Millions of young people came out in 2020 – as

volunteers, poll workers, notary publics, and first-time voters – to prove to the doubters and nay-sayers who constantly denigrate today's youth that we care about the fate of our country and its people and are committed to civic engagement. Now those nay-sayers want to leave no room for doubt; they want to make sure we cannot participate without jumping through restrictive hoops that do nothing positive for election security.

If you are a younger voter and you care, you need to pay attention to what's going on in your state legislatures. Elections are neither a one-off event nor an exclusively federal battle. This same fight over who has the necessary access to cast their vote and secure federal representation – a fight that has defined American history – will continue for the rest of our lives, and the main

battleground will be within the walls of these state legislatures which are currently debating the rules to be set for future elections.

Gen-Z may have the least political experience out of all the age groups in America, but we have the greatest potential to transfer our strong and evolving political will into real systemic change. The issues that matter to us most, from climate change to racial justice, require our direct and consistent input to create lasting solutions. Every vote matters, but your vote matters most in elections at the state and local level that have less active participants, especially since it is those elected officials who have the power to decide the rules for our future elections of federal representatives.

Jacob Winch, a Gen Z voter, is a recent graduate of Tulane University. He currently lives in New Orleans.

Lighten up, he says, and he means it

The picture sticks in the mind, the mobile home park after the hurricane went through, the boxes scattered, the tide of flotsam and wreckage, trees blown down by 145 mph winds, a former paradise become a moonscape of destruction,

Garrison Keillor



and how will they ever put it all back together? It'll take years. And many of the occupants were elderly. Do they now go back north to live with their children? Has the loss put them in a funk for the next three years? What can be done? I recall my dad's love of his Florida mobile home after he fell off a barn roof in Minnesota and fractured his skull and got bad sinus problems that made winter unbearable, he took Mother to Florida to live in a trailer. They had a canopy over a little terrace where they sat in the shade and ate supper. He read about Minnesota blizzards with some satisfaction and I don't recall him worrying about hurricanes. Both of them are gone now but I look at the pictures and imagine flying down to Florida to rescue my parents. They were cheerful people, came of age during the Depression, went through the War, built a house in the country, had six kids whom Dad worked two jobs to support, and I cannot remember them ever complaining. And I imagine that, even amid wreckage, they'd still be cheerful. They'd say, "Well, we've been meaning to downsize anyway." I inherited my cheerfulness from them. I'm an easygoing guy. I go through the scanner and the TSA guy says he needs to pat

down my inner thighs, I don't report him for sexual aggression, I pretend it isn't happening. I hear people misuse "that" and "which" or "lay" and "lie" and I don't correct them, certainly not in the airport anyway. If I saw that someone's hair was on fire, I would give up my own double latte to douse the flames and not ask four bucks in compensation. It's how I was brought up. I look at the upcoming midterm election and I see candidates running for Congress who believe that gravity is a hoax and Caesar salad dressing causes strokes and the CIA caused Ian using Infrared Atmospheric Nuclei and the polls show them ahead and come January we may have a House with a large Dementia Caucus, but I am not dismayed. Call me a fool but I believe the old amiable America I've known is still functioning. I believe that if you want to see America clearly, don't read the paper, go to a state fair. I only know the one in Minnesota but when I went in August, I didn't see a Proud Boys booth or militiamen with AR-15s walking around the Midway. I saw people eating deep-fried cheese curds and looking at pigs the size of VWs and riding on something like a giant salad spinner while screaming. They inspected giant John Deere tractors and Caterpillar dozers and displays of championship quilts and art made by gluing seeds to plywood, and in all the milling around and waiting in line and consumption of animal fats, I detected no polarization, no civil strife, just great cheerfulness on a sunny summer day. The gentleman serving up milkshakes in the Dairy Building was quite affable though it was the ninth day of the Fair, nine days of mixing

shakes; he said, "So how's your day going then?" "Never better," I said. His sentence, beginning with "So" and ending with "then," told me that he's a native Minnesotan, not a Canadian, not a Floridian. And his "so" had a distinctive Minnesota elongation of the "o," which I like. I worry about Minnesota, looking at Europe where fascism raises its head in France and Italy and Sweden, countries with large percentages of non-natives. It's a fact. People are wary of being outnumbered at home. America has been the exception, proud of being a nation of immigrants. Minnesota has growing populations of Hispanics, Hmong, Somali, Ethiopians. They don't pronounce that "o" the way we natives do but we admire their spirit, having escaped dreadful conditions, who now want simply to live in peace and raise their families. They bring a spirit of cheerfulness that is thoroughly American and will prevail. Today is a new day. Put yesterday's mistakes behind us and the darker aspects of American history, and let us meet as equals and do our best for each other. And don't forget to rake your leaves and pick up after your dog. That is all. Thanks for reading. Garrison Keillor is the author of two new books, "Lake Wobegon Virus" and "That Time of Year (a memoir)."

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Annual Try the Y – Canned Food Drive at the Wabash County YMCA lasts through October

STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County YMCA is partnering with F.I.S.H. of Wabash County in launching the Annual Try the Y – Canned Food Drive through Monday, Oct. 31, according to director of marketing and special projects Jana Thibos. "Take the first steps on your wellness journey and join thousands of other YMCA members. Try the Y for free for a 7-day membership and check out all that the YMCA has to offer. Take a walk on our indoor track, try one of our group fitness classes, spend time on the newly renovated wellness floor, or shoot some hoops in the gym," said Thibos. Thibos said those who decide to join the Y will

have their joiner fee reduced with donations of non-perishable cans of food. "In keeping with our dedication and promise to assist all in the Wabash County community, we are thrilled to continue this for the 2022 fall season," said CEO Dean Gogolewski. "The Annual Food Drive not only assists those who would like to join the Y, but with your support, puts food on the table for many of our fellow community members of Wabash County." Thibos said they were also asking members to donate as well, allowing them to enter into a drawing for a free month. "All details can be found by visiting our website, Facebook page, calling us or stopping by the Member Service Desk. The YMCA

is here for our community. We're for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility," said Thibos. Thibos said current career opportunities include lifeguards, school-age child care, swim lesson instructors, swim club coaches and gymnastics instructor. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA and career opportunities, visit www.wabashcountymca.org or email info@wabashcountymca.org. To make a tax-deductible donation to support the Y's cause of strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, visit www.wabashcountymca.org or donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

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The Wabash boys cross country team became just the second team in school history, boys or girls, to win a cross country regional championship Saturday, Oct. 15 at Indiana Wesleyan. They join the 2018 Apache boys.

Wabash boys win school's 2nd cross country regional title

By **SCOTT HUNT**
Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

MARION — Cross country postseason is less about the stopwatch and more about the fight, and through the first two weeks of the IHSAA tournament, the Wabash boys have shown they're good with both.

For the second-consecutive week, the Apaches faced a serious challenge from a very talented Oak Hill team, and once again, Wabash prevailed.

The Apaches placed three runners in the top 10, but it was their fourth and fifth runners, freshman Isaiah Cordes and sophomore Jace Bullins, that accounted for most of the winning margin.

Wabash finished with 61 points to edge Oak Hill (70) and claim the Marion Regional championship at Indiana Wesleyan on Saturday, Oct. 15.

It's just the second regional title in Wabash cross country history, boys or girls. The 2022 Apaches join the 2018 boys team.

"They knew coming in that Oak Hill's one-two combo was going to be harder to beat because some other guys would fill in the gaps

between them," said Wabash coach Ryan Evans. "We knew there was a likely chance that it would go out faster than it did at sectional so we had them mentally ready for that.

"We knew we had to beat certain people in order to do what we wanted to do in the race. They were mentally ready for that and they just used the excellent weather and competition to run their hardest."

Indeed, Oak Hill's junior duo of Owen Jackson (16:18) and Trenton Sweet (16:23) were the first two across the finish line in a repeat performance of last week's Marion Sectional.

Wabash's top followed the two Golden Eagles, but not as close as the 3-4-5 finish a week ago.

Sophomore Jonas Church (16:40) finished fifth, junior Kaden Vogel (16:44) was seventh, and senior David Ford (16:48) crossed 10th.

When Oak Hill's No. 3 runner, junior Toby Sneed (17:11), crossed in 13th, the Golden Eagles held a 15-19 advantage over Wabash.

Cordes (17:25) was next to reach the finish in 21st, three positions in front of Oak Hill freshman Corban

Tippey (17:30), but Wabash still trailed Oak Hill, 35-36.

But Bullins (17:35, 29th) and Wabash sophomore Chase Howard (17:46, 37th) both beat Oak Hill's No. 5, junior AJ Austin (18:12, 49th) to increase the gap and account for the nine-point winning margin.

"We entered last week as the favorite and got buzzsawed by Wabash. We wanted to make sure if we were going to lose today we felt like Wabash was the better team," said Oak Hill coach Paige Brunner. "One through four we were winning the meet, but you've got to have a five, six and seven.

"We would have liked to win the title and we feel like we're good enough to do that, but once again Wabash was the better team today."

Bluffton (101), Norwell (121) and Belmont (134) finished third through fifth in the boys race to advance to the Saturday, Oct. 22 semi-state.

In the girls race, Wabash junior Calisen Kugler finished 27th and Northfield sophomore Ella Gahl was 30th to narrowly fall short of advancing another week. The top 10 individuals not on an advancing team all finished within the top 25.

With the recent legal issues surrounding Huntington University's cross country program, the New Haven Semi-State originally scheduled to be contested on the hilly course there was shifted to the flat, fast track at Indiana Wesleyan.

The girls will start at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, with the boys to follow around 11:15 a.m.

The level of competition will obviously take another step up with teams and runners from regionals held at Delta, Elkhart and West Noble joining the advances from Marion.

Evans believes his boys will be ready for the fight even through the venue change.

"At this point in the season, you're not going to see big jumps in improvement. It's mostly going to be, are they ready to race up here in the head," Evans said. "We have been preparing for Huntington all season, for hills. That's what got our guys last year that qualified. So we've been doing lots and lots of hill stuff. Since it's now on a flat course, that's fine with us. We'll still be in good shape."

A look ahead at Wabash County's football teams before sectionals begin

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**

Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

With regular season success behind Southwood and a favorable matchup for Northfield, the Knights and the Norse look to make some noise in this season's sectional tournament while Wabash and Manchester look to play spoiler to teams crossing their paths.

Southwood:
Friday, Oct. 21 at home vs. Adams Central

Southwood (7-2, 7-1) has the makings for a deep sectional run but must first get past an Adams Central (9-0) team that is currently ranked No. 2 in Class A and averages 47 points a game on offense while holding opponents to 11 on defense.

The Knights are led by Cole Winer, 130.4 yards per game in passing and 65 yards per game on the ground along with two other rushers in Mo Lloyd and Isaiah Sutton who register over 55 yards a contest in rushing as well.

Going into their regular season finale, Southwood head coach Dave Snyder and company were already locked in a postseason state of mind.

"There's no hiding from Adams Central," Snyder said. "We basically told the kids that we are now in tournament mode. We are playing for an opportunity to share a conference championship and then the following week, we're playing for a sectional championship but it's one game at a time."

Northfield: Friday, Oct. 21 at Southern Wells High School

Northfield's first-round opponent in Southern Wells (0-9) provides the Norse with a favorable matchup that could see them moving on to the semifinals and against the winner of North Miami and Madison-Grant.

For the Norse and head coach Brandon Baker, Northfield's number one goal is to finish plays on both sides of the ball.

"We have got to finish plays. We gotta tackle better and finish plays. That's been an emphasis all year and something we're still gonna work on. ... Offensively, it's gonna be we have gotta continue coming off the ball hard and winning leverage."

On Friday, Northfield (4-5, 3-5) will continue to rely on their rushing attack, 233 yards per game, while being led by Mason Fisher and

"When it comes down to it, we're going to have to score points."

RYAN CARMICHAEL
Wabash coach

Jaxton Press on offense.

Wabash: Friday, Oct. 21 at home vs. Eastside High School

The Apaches go into the postseason winning two of their last three games and averaging 41 points a game in those two victories.

To survive and advance in the postseason, Wabash (3-6, 3-5) will need to rely on that offensive firepower to upend a first-round opponent in Eastside (7-2) that holds opponents to 13.6 points a game.

That need for offensive firepower against the Blazers comes as no secret to Wabash head coach Ryan Carmichael.

"When it comes down to it, we're going to have to score points," Carmichael said. "We know that and for us, it's not much of a secret that that's probably going to be throwing the ball a little bit."

Wabash averages 164 yards per game in passing while registering just 31 yards a game on the ground.

Manchester:
Friday, Oct. 21 at Whitko High School

With Manchester's lone win coming against Whitko High School (0-9, 0-8) in late September, Squires head coach Alyx Brandewie is adamant that his team must check all of the boxes during tournament play to survive and advance.

"They've just kept getting better and better and I thought when we played them a couple weeks ago, they've made noticeable improvements from what we'd seen on film to that night," Brandewie said.

"It's also something that we're gonna have to make sure that we're putting the work in and we're prepared and we have a good week of practice because they just keep getting better and better."

Manchester (1-8, 1-7) won round one against the Wildcats, 34-12, in a game where Brock Casper threw for 176 yards and two TDs while Mason Rooney compiled 169 yards and two scores on the ground.

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Late goal pushes Eastbrook over Wabash, 1-0, in girls soccer sectional final game

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MARION — Scoring opportunities were few and hard to come by in the championship of Class A sectional 30 for girls soccer Saturday, Oct. 8 at Eastbrook.

The host Panthers locked in on Wabash senior Rylee Yoakum, who led her side with 36 goals this fall, while the Apaches defense was the Panthers' equal.

A fortuitous bounce off a Wabash defender ended up with the ball near Eastbrook senior Eden Brown in front of the Apache goal. Brown got just enough of a touch on it to get it past Wabash senior keeper, Hannah Layne with 22:59 remaining and provide the difference in the Panthers' 1-0 win.

"Oh my, it was crazy," said a still somewhat shocked Brown of the goal as she celebrated Eastbrook's eighth girls' soccer sectional title with her teammates. "It felt like it happened in slow motion. All I saw was the ball go in the corner of the goal and I was like no way did that just happen. I tipped it with the front of my toe and it went in."

Eastbrook put six of its eight shot attempts on goal and Layne knocked away or scooped up the other five. Wabash tested Panthers' senior keeper Addison Coates four shots on goal and 10-total. Coates stopped all four, including a near-point-black attempt by Yoakum about 17 minutes into the match.

"Defensively we came strong. For the first half Wabash had more heart into the game," said first-year Eastbrook coach Diego Cornejo. "Second half we came playing with our hearts out. I know soccer-wise we could

do a lot better. In this game we had to fight and win each ball. The girls did the work and that was key for the win.

"We were going to have minimum chances and the ones we had we had to put one in the net," Cornejo added. "The girls followed the ball all the way, didn't give up and Eden was in the right spot to put it in the net."

Wabash finished its season 12-4, a program record. Yoakum will graduate as the single-season and career record holder with 60 goals.

"We really feel like we controlled the momentum of that game, except for one unfortunate goal off of one of our own," said Wabash coach Keisha Wright. "It's disappointing and frustrating."

"That's not the strongest Rylee Yoakum you're ever going to see and that's hard too," she added. "She put in

everything she had, playing through a whole lot of pain, to even be able to jog onto the field."

Eastbrook (6-9-3) has now won three-straight matches for the first time this season.

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Wabash's Kaitlynn Honeycutt (22), Rylee Yoakum (21) and Libby Mattern (4) build a wall to defend against an Eastbrook free kick in Saturday's Class A sectional 39 championship game at Eastbrook.

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